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The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this article, shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(i) "Housing project" shall mean any work or undertaking: (1) To demolish, clear or remove buildings from any slum area; such work or undertaking may embrace the adaptation of such area to public purposes, including parks or other recreational or community purposes; or (2) ~~(I) to provide decent, safe and sanitary urban or rural dwellings, apartments or other living accommodations for [the] persons of low income RESIDING IN THE AREA OF THE PROJECT;~~ such work or undertaking may include buildings, land, equipment, facilities and other real or personal property for necessary, convenient or desirable appurtenances, streets, sewers, water service, parks, site preparation, gardening, administrative, community, health, recreational, educational, welfare or other purposes; (II) EXCEPT THAT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, TO PROVIDE DECENT, SAFE, AND SANITARY URBAN OR RURAL DWELLINGS, APARTMENTS, OR OTHER LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE PERSONS OF LOW INCOME RESIDING IN THE AREA OF THE PROJECT; SUCH WORK OR UNDERTAKING MAY INCLUDE BUILDINGS, LAND, EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, AND OTHER REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR NECESSARY, CONVENIENT OR DESIRABLE APPURTENANCES, STREETS, SEWERS, WATER SERVICE, PARKS, SITE PREPARATION, GARDENING, ADMINISTRATIVE, COMMUNITY, HEALTH, RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, WELFARE, OR OTHER PURPOSES; or (3) to accomplish a combination of the foregoing. The term "housing project" also may be applied to the planning of the buildings and improvements, the acquisition of property, the demolition of existing structures, the construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of the improvements and all other work in connection therewith.

(j) ~~(1) "Persons of low income" shall mean persons of families RESIDING IN THE AREA OF OPERATION OF AN AUTHORITY UNDERTAKING A HOUSING PROJECT who lack the amount of income which is necessary (as determined by the authority undertaking the housing project) to enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, without overcrowding; (2) EXCEPT THAT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, "PERSONS OF LOW INCOME" SHALL MEAN PERSONS OF FAMILIES RESIDING IN THE AREA OF OPERATION OF AN AUTHORITY UNDERTAKING A HOUSING PROJECT WHO LACK THE AMOUNT OF INCOME WHICH IS NECESSARY (AS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY) TO ENABLE THEM, WITHOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TO LIVE IN DECENT, SAFE, AND SANITARY DWELLINGS, WITHOUT OVERCROWDING.~~

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In each city (as herein defined) of the State there is hereby created a public body corporate and politic to be known as the "housing authority" of the city; provided,